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SUBJ: AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR

REF: STATE 122213

1. DURING CALL ON JUNE 25 THE CHARGE HANDED THE ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY, V. C. TRIVEDI, THE TEXT OF THE US- USSR AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF WAR AND BRIEFED HIM ALONG THE LINES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION UNDER REFERENCE. TRIVEDI REPLIED THAT INDIA WELCOMED THE AGREEMENT PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF ITS MULTI-LATERAL EFFECT, AND HOPED THAT IT AND AGREEMENT ON ARMS LIMITATION NEGOTIATIONS WOULD LEAD TO FURTHER SPECIFIC ACCORDS. TRIVEDI CLOSELY QUESTIONED THE CHARGE IN REGARD TO THE MEANING OF THE REFERENCE TO " RELATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES NOT PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT" IN ARTICLE FOUR ON CONSULTATIONS. THE CHARGE REPLIED THAT WHILE HE DID NOT HAVE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THIS PHRASE WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO LATER LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO THE RISK OF NUCLEAR WAR BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR OR BETWEEN EITHER PARTY AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. COMMENT: TRIVEDI' S PROBING IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF INDIAN CONCERN THAT ONE OF THE PRODUCTS OF WORLD DETENTE MAY BE INCREASED GREAT POWER INVOLVEMENT IN AFFAIRS OF
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3. THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC GOI COMMENT ON THE AGREEMENT
THUS FAR AND LIMITED EDITORIAL COVERAGE. ALL DELHI ENGLISH
LANGUAGE PAPERS HEADLINED THE STORY AND THOSE COMMENTING
EDITORIALLY WERE ENTHUSIASTIC AND EXPRESSED NO RESERVATIONS.
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